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"And I'll tell it and
think it and speak it and
breathe it,
And reflect it from the
mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Tobin emails Athletic Department regarding removal of Murphy

By Peter Ringel '01
MANAGING EDITOR

On Tuesday April 25th, President Gene Tobin sent an email to the entire Athletic Department telling them to ignore some of the information that was detailed in last week's *Spectator*.

Tobin's email was in response to a *Spectator* article regarding his decision to remove Tom Murphy as Athletic Director and replace him with Men's and Women's Swim Coach Dave Thompson in 2002.

"The recent issue of *The Spectator* suggests that there is a significant misunderstanding about the sequence of events leading to my decision to make changes in the athletics department," the President wrote in his email.

Many faculty members, students, and alumni were shocked by the sudden announcement that occurred a few weeks ago. Tobin went on to write in the email, "Some people disagree with my decision, its suddenness, and the lack of any process."

When asked about the manner in which Tobin made his decision, one professor remarked, "The need to retain Thompson does not add up to the abrogation of due process."

The point of Tobin's email appears to be to change the perception that the decision to keep Thompson from accepting a job offer from Colgate did not factor in the decision to remove Murphy from the Athletic Director position.

Tobin went on to write, "I offer you this background to help you sort through the misinformation that has begun circulating around campus. Individuals will continue to believe what they want to believe, but you and the members of your department should have the facts, especially with

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AIDS Hike set for May 7th

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

The 2nd Annual AIDS Hike for Life will be held next Sunday, May 7, beginning at 9:30 am at the Pavillion. The Class of 2000 and AIDS Community Resources are sponsoring the 5K walk/run/hike across campus and through the Kirkland Glen. The money raised from the Hike for Life will help support the Community Resources' high school based Teen AIDS Task Force (TATF) Program, and its Client Support Services.

The TATF Program provides prevention services directed toward adolescents in local high schools, while the Client Support Services program helps attend to the emergency needs of people and families living with HIV/AIDS in the Mohawk Valley region. For more than 15 years, AIDS Community Resources has served nine counties in the Central, Northern and Mohawk Valley Regions of New York State in responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The need for Community Resources' services has never been greater, as one quarter of all new HIV infections in the United States are estimated to occur in young people under the age of 22; this rate of infection is growing as the epidemic spreads into the suburban and rural communities (American Association of Health). AIDS is the second leading cause of death among adults aged 25-44.

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Over 500 people raised more than 28,000 dollars in last year's AIDS Hike for Life. This year, the hike kicks off at 11 am on Sunday, May 7th at Minor Field.

Last year, more than 500 participants raised in excess of $28,000 to benefit AIDS Community Resources. This year, several hundred people are slated to walk to support critical AIDS programs and services.

Registration begins at 9:30 am at the pavillion on Sunday. A minimum pledge of $20 is required to participate. The hike kicks off at 11:00 am at the balloon arch on Mason/Minor Field and will follow through the Kirkland Glen across campus and back to the arch. Immediately following the Hike for Life, there will be an awards ceremony, complete with food and

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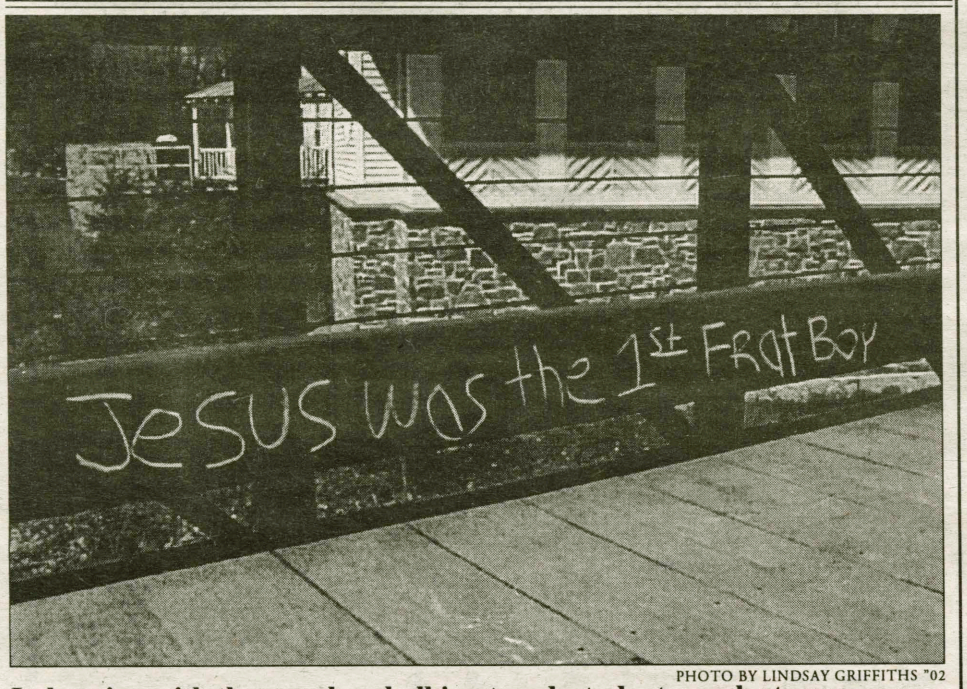

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In keeping with the popular chalking trend, students awoke to some pro-fraternity banter that graced Martin's Way and the bridge this week.

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College to Award Five Honorary Degrees at Commencement

PRESS RELEASE

Hamilton has announced five people who will receive honorary degrees at the College's 188th commencement on Sunday, May 21. They are Kenneth Davern, a jazz clarinetist and saxophonist; John D. Feerick, Dean of Fordham Law School; Joan Martin, associate professor of Christian Social Ethics at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.; John Nichols '62, author; and Sir Brian Urquhart, retired United Nations official.

Called "probably the finest clarinetist playing today," by Will Friedwald in *The New York Times*, Kenny Davern became interested in jazz in high school, developing a style which differed from the dominantly Bebop style of his contemporaries. Davern began playing professionally at the age of 16 and soon after joined Jack Teagarden, with whom he made his recording debut. In 1955, he joined Phil Napolean's "Memphis Five," then touring the East coast. During the next few years, Davern often worked at the legendary "Nick's" in Greenwich Village, not only with Napoleon, but also with Pee Wee Erwin's jazz band, and finally with his own band, "The Washington Squares," which included Johnny Windhurst, Cutty Cutshall, Dave Fishberg, Cliff Leeman, and Jack Six. During this period he also appeared at two jazz landmarks, The Central Plaza and The Stuyvesant Casino.

Over the years, he has appeared on the screen and soundtracks of several movies, including *The Hustler, The Gig,* and *The Mighty Aphrodite*.

John D. Feerick has served as Dean of Fordham University School of Law since 1982. He practiced law from 1961-1962 at the New York firm of Skadde, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as a partner from 1968 to 1982, developing its labor and employment law practice.

During his tenure as dean at Fordham, Feerick has served in a number of public positions: as a member of the New York State Law Revision Commission and the New York city Office of collective Bargaining; president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; chairman of New York State Commission on Government Integrity, and as a special New York State Attorney General from 1987-1990, culminating in a series of reports to the Governor and Legislature, with investigative findings and recommendations for government ethics reform.

Feerick currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the American Arbitration Assocation and was president of the Citizens Union Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Joan M. Martin is the William W. Rankin Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. As an activist scholar, Dr. Martin had made a significant contribution to recent institutional anti-racism efforts at EDS as well as in its educational philosophy and practice.

She is the author of a forthcoming book from Westminster Press, More than Toil and chains: *The Work Ethic of Enslaved Christian Women*.

Her publications include *Your Daughters Shall Prophesy: Feminist Al'ernatives in Theological Education* for which she was co-

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Honorary degree recipients announced

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eration theology and ethics; religion; culture; modern social theory; feminist theory and ethics.

John Nichols is a 1962 graduate of Hamilton, and is the author of nine novels and seven works of non-fiction. He is most noted for his novels, *The Sterile Cuckoo* and *The Milagro Beanfield War*, the first book in his New Mexico Trilogy, which also includes *The Magic Journey* and *The Nirvana Blues*. He is an accomplished photographer and has also written a number of screenplays, including rewrites of the films *Missing* and *The Milagro Beanfield War*. Nichols' most popular non-fiction works include *If Mountains Die* and the environmental photo/essays *The Sky's the Limit* and *Keep It Simple*. His most recent book is a collection of essays, *Dancing on the Stones*, published by University New Mexico Press of Albuquerque in February.

Sir Brian Urquhart is a former United Nations undersecretary. Currently a scholar in residence at the Ford Foundation, Urquhart has spent much of his life in the U.N. system. He is a central figure in the dialogue over renewing the United Nations system. After serving in the British Army and military intelligence during World War II in North Africa and Europe, he was a personal assistant to the first secretary-general of the United Nations, Trygve Lie.

From May 1972 to January 1974, Urquhart was assistant secretary-general in the office of the undersecretary-general for special political affairs. He was one of the principal political advisors of the secretary-general. He retired from the United Nations Secretariat in 1986.

The author of several books, Urquhart's last major work was *A World in Need of Leadership: Tomorrow's United Nations-A Fresh Appraisal* (1996) with Erskine Childers.

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Date set for AIDS Hike

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drinks. There are incentives based on amount of money raised by individuals, ranging from a commemorative AIDS Hike for Life key chain ($30 raised), to a commemorative travel chair ($1000 raised). To register for the event, or for more information, call 800-475-2430 or email spprojacr@juno.com.

PHI BETA KAPPA

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the Class of 2000 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

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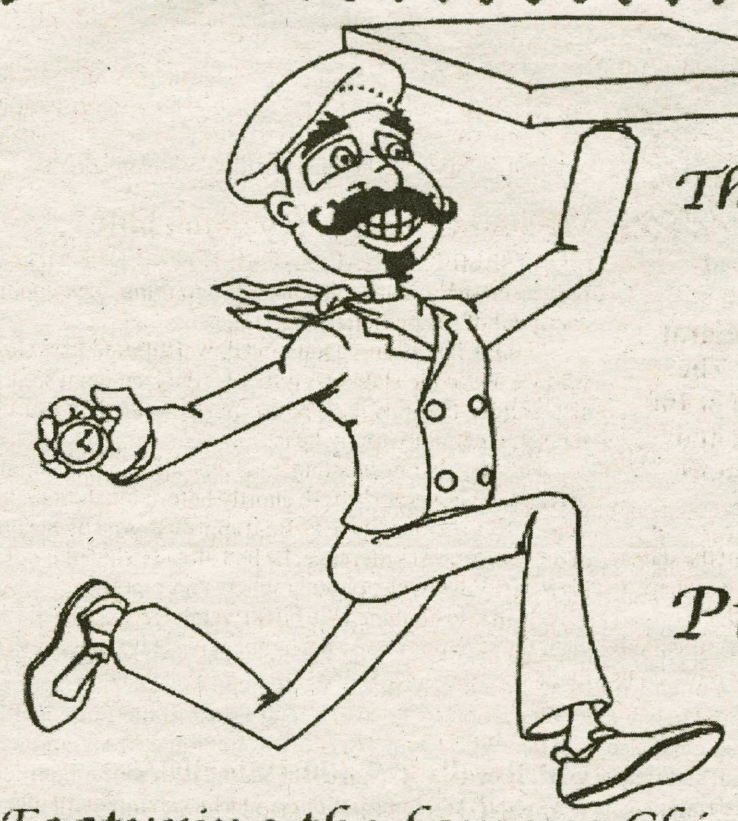

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

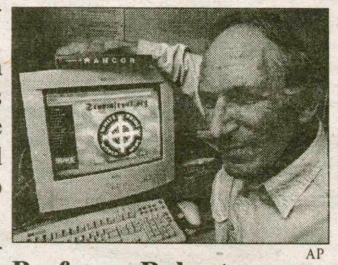
Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Hate-driven web sites studied

BOSTON (AP) — One shows an image of a slain gay man burning in hell. Another claims the FBI has declared war on white Christians. A third pretends to pay homage to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., then suggests the civil rights leader was a sex fiend, a communist and a "plastic god."

They are radical, hate-driven Internet sites and they are increasing rapidly.

This fall, they also will be the basis for a communications class at Emerson College called Hate.com, which, despite the name, is not connected to any Web site.



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Professor Robert Hilliard will be teaching Hate.com next fall.

Robert Hilliard, an Emerson communications professor, plans to use the sites to examine how radical groups use the Internet to recruit new members.

Hilliard became interested in extremists when he stumbled across a far-right talk radio show, and later wrote a book on the topic with Boston College professor Michael Keith.

"We began to listen and we said, 'Here we were, communications professionals and we didn't know about these people,"' Hilliard said. "People have got to know what these people are saying."

Their book, "Waves of Rancor: Tuning in the Radical Right," was well-received and ended up on President Clinton's summer reading list.

Oregon loses $30 m. as Nike rescinds pledge

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Earlier this month, the University of Oregon decided to join the Worker Rights Consortium. Now, in the coming weeks, the school might be faced with another important decision: how to come up with an extra $30 million to finance an $80 million football stadium renovation.

Last week, a "well-placed source" at the Nike Corporation contacted a university representative to inform school officials that Nike President Phil Knight, a University of Oregon alumnus, had withdrawn his informal pledge to cover $30 million of the renovation's price tag.

The move is the latest in a series of shots the apparel giant has taken at the WRC, a grass-roots sweatshop monitoring group supported by student sweatshop activists and organized labor.

Last month, Nike moved to nullify its hockey equipment agreement with Brown University after the school tried to renegotiate its deal in accordance with the WRC terms. Principally, Nike says it is opposed to the WRC because the company isn't allowed to affiliate with the organization and can't sit on its governing board.

WRC supporters cry foul and accuse Nike of throwing money around to scare schools away from the consortium.

"It's obvious that (Knight is) trying to sway the school's direction with his money. That's the danger in the corporatization of schools," said Rana Kasich, a University of Minnesota Licensee Labor Practices Task Force member. "He's obviously trying to interfere with the democratic process by using his money to influence it. It's really low politics."

Since Knight has made it big, his alma mater has been reaping the benefits of his success — cashing in around $30 million from the apparel magnate during the past 10 years.

Krugman leaving MIT for Princeton

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Krugman, an economist known for making complex economic theories understandable to a mass audience, is leaving the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for Princeton University.

Krugman, who left MIT for Stanford in 1994 and returned in 1996, will begin teaching this fall at Princeton's economics department and its Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

The twice-weekly columnist for The New York Times has written 16 books, including "The Age of Diminished Expectations" and "The Accidental Theorist and Other Dispatches from the Dismal Science."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Five Ex-argentine officers detained

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Police detained two former military officers Tuesday as part of an investigation into the disappearance of 30 political prisoners during the past dictatorship.

Retired officers Osvaldo Quiroga and Francisco Pedro Daloia were ordered held one day after three former military officers were arrested in the case. Former Lieut. Col. Enrique Moner Ruiz, retired Maj. Gustavo

Alsina, and retired Sgt. Miguel Angel Perez, were detained on Monday.

A federal judge ordered the detentions after it was determined that Perez had given false testimony; the other four officers were held for refusing to testify.

The officers arrested on Monday were spit upon and insulted by opponents as they were led before Federal Judge Cristina Garzon de Lascano and detained in Cordoba, 475 miles northwest of Buenos Aires, according to the accounts.

Garzon is leading the so-called "Historical Truth" investigation, bidding to clarify the deaths or disappearances of 30 prisoners in Cordoba, apparent victims of the former military rulers who governed between 1976 and 1982. Human rights groups charge that several were killed, their deaths reported as the result of clashes or escape attempts.

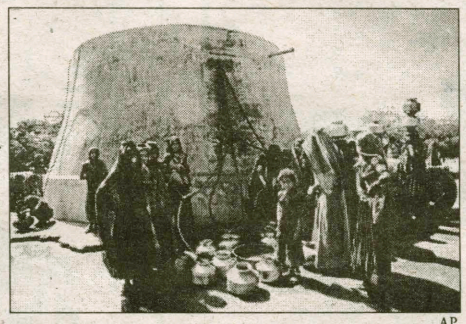
A government report found at least 9,000 people had died or disappeared during a crackdown on leftist opponents during the dictatorship-era "Dirty War." Human rights groups say the figure could be as high as 30,000.

The five former officers are shielded by a 1990 blanket amnesty covering Dirty War era abuses. But the reports said it did not prohibit their detention for clarification of the cases involved.

Severe drought hits 50M in India

ARABASAN, India (AP) — With necklaces and anklets jangling under their saris, village women joined their men digging a pit to hold water in India's smoldering western expanse, where severe drought is punishing 50 million people.

Tens of thousands of desperate villagers are said to be fleeing their parched lands, leaving hordes of cattle to die across a huge swathe of two western states. But many others are staying put, hoping an aid-for-work program started this week by the government will bring them money, food and water.



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Women from the drought-affected Kutch district of the western Indian state of Gujarat draw water from a pump. The worst drought to hit India in 100 years has gripped western and southern India, affecting more than 50 million people.

The desert state of Rajasthan and adjoining Gujarat are the worst affected. The water table has been dropping since November as the region endures its third year of drought.

Boding ill, summer has arrived early this year and is hotter than usual, with dry weather in large areas of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa — where a cyclone and floods killed at least 10,000 last fall.

Water is so scarce that even camels — the so-called ships of the desert that can go without a drink for more than two weeks — are dying.

Hitler's skull gragment displayed

MOSCOW (AP) — What officials claim is a fragment of Adolf Hitler's skull went on display Wednesday, along with documents revealing what happened to the dictator's remains after they were seized by Soviet troops in 1945.

The four-inch fragment — with a hole where a bullet reportedly exited through the left temple — was displayed under thick glass at Russia's Federal Archives Service. The exhibition, called "The Agony of the Third Reich: The Retribution," was timed to mark the 55th anniversary next month of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

NATIONAL NEWS

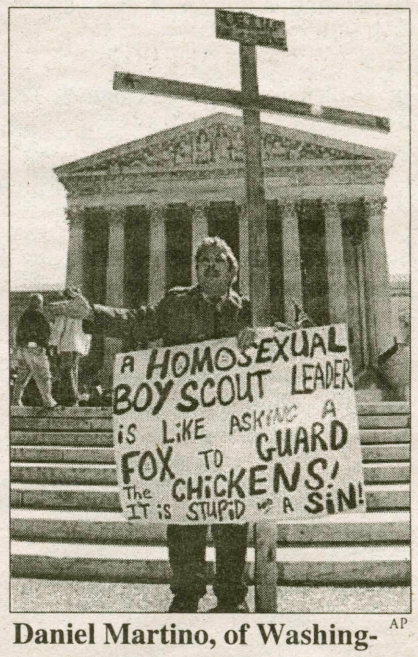
Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

Court hears gay scout leaders case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices struggled Wednesday over whether to let the Boy Scouts bar homosexuals from serving as troop leaders, role models in an organization that teaches its members to be "morally straight."

Without saying how they will ultimately vote, several justices voiced skepticism about how far the court could go to force open admissions upon private organizations.

"In your view, a Catholic organization has to admit Jews" and "a Jewish organization has to admit Catholics," Justice Stephen G. Breyer told Evan Wolfson, the lawyer for James Dale of New Jersey, a former assistant scoutmaster ousted when the organization learned he is gay. Dale subsequently filed suit against the Scouts.



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Daniel Martino, of Washington, DC, demonstrates outside the U.S. Supreme Court as justices heard arguments in the case of New Jersey Boy Scout leader James Dale on Wednesday, April 26 in Washington. The Boy Scouts ousted Dale in 1990 after learning he was gay.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and David H. Souter followed Breyer's line of questioning, asking Wolfson whether his argument meant the Scouts could be required to admit girls.

Justice Antonin Scalia voiced his reservations another way.

"They think that homosexuality is immoral," he said, asking why the Scouts must accept as a leader "someone who embodies a contradiction of their message?"

Founded in 1910, the Scouts have an oath and law that long have required members to promise to be "clean" and "morally straight." But no written rule specifically addresses homosexuality.

Wolfson said the Scouts are not primarily an "anti-gay organization" and therefore Dale's presence did not burden the group's message. Dale did not seek to use his leadership position to advocate homosexuality, Wolfson added.

Vermont Gov. signs gay union bill

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Gov. Howard Dean signed a first-in-the-nation law Wednesday granting gay couples nearly all of the benefits of marriage.

"I think it is a courageous and powerful statement about who we are in the state of Vermont," the Democrat said. "I also believe that this legislation speaks to the heart of this state, and certainly to my heart."

The legislation creating marriage-like "civil unions" reached the governor's desk shortly before lunch time, just a day after the House gave its final approval. And by the time of a 2 p.m. news conference, he had already signed it out of view of TV cameras, photographers and reporters.

Dean said he signed the bill privately because he did not want the ceremony to be a triumphal party by supporters of the law. Instead, he said, it was time for the state to begin healing.

GM Recalls 279,000 1999 SUVs

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. will voluntarily recall about 279,000 sport utility vehicles that failed an air bag test but says the vehicles pose no safety threat.

The recall announced Wednesday involves 1999 model year Chevrolet Tahoes, GMC Yukons and Cadillac Escalades built between Sept. 1, 1998, and May 5, 1999.

GM filed a petition in August asking the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to disregard the test. NHTSA planned to deny the petition, agency officials said Wednesday, and GM dropped the request.

Bon-Appetit contract renewed: the lesser of six evils?

By Betsy Espe
DIRECTOR, AUXILIARY & CONTRACT SERVICES

Last September a group of students and administrators began working together to review the dining services contract. The College made a commitment in 1995 that its contract with any food service provider would last, at a maximum, 5 years, or a four-year contract with a one-year extension. So the review being done by this group was part of a normal cycle of review; all contracts Hamilton participates in are regularly reassessed. Taking apart a food service contract and reassembling it in a way that meets the next 4 or 5 years is no small task.

The challenge the Dining Contract Team* took on was:

- to identify current and future dining preferences and access needs
- to identify current dining problems and appropriate solutions
- to investigate potential food service providers
- to personally test the performance of those food service providers at other similar campuses or businesses
- to write an Initial Review Document which helped to narrow the field of bidders
- to write a Request for Proposal (which identifies all contract needs from student dining to catering to cash operations)
- to review the Bids and make a recommendation to the President and Vice President of the College.

We began our deliberations with six corporations able to meet the needs of the College: The Wood Company, Fine Host Corporation, Aramark Corporation, Chartwells Corporation, Sodexo Marriott Corporation, Bon Appetit Management Company.

Between September and March, the following accounts were visited by one or more of the Team members: Franklin and Marshall College – The Wood Company, Muhlenberg College – The Wood Company, Colgate University – Sodexo Marriott Corporation, Hobart and Wm Smith Colleges – Sodexo Marriott Corporation, Vassar College – Aramark Corporation, Hartwick College – Aramark Corporation, Stanford University – Bon Appetit, Excite @ Home – Bon Appetit, St. Olaf College – Bon Appetit, Oracle Corporation – Bon Appetit, Alfred University – Fine Host Corporation, Ithaca College – Chartwells Corporation, Wagner College –Chartwells Corporation.

In February, after all corporation teams visited Hamilton and had the opportunity to interview students and others on campus, all six submitted a five page written evaluation of how our dining service goals and objectives could be accomplished. These evaluations required documentation of what philosophical and operational commitments could be offered along with an identification of the accounts currently served who best represent that standard of excellence. Based on those evaluations and our visitation experiences, the list was shortened to two potential provider corporations: Aramark and Bon Appetit.

On March 13, 2000, our Request for Proposal was distributed to Aramark and Bon Appetit. That document identifies our requirement for purchasing and product standards and our requirement for production and service standards as the basis for all dining plan, catering, cash and non-contract sales. The design of all the dining plans (a 21 meal plan with unlimited access in the dining halls, a 14 meal plan, a 7 meal plan appling to any meals, and a 5 meal plan for any meals Monday – Friday) are included along with the design of all the menu needs. The other elements of Café Opus support, Bonus Meal valuation, catering, non-contract meal support, summer dining, special dietary needs, recycling program requirements, participation through HAVOC in the food bank program, employment standards, nutritional counseling support, educational programs, vegetarian and vegan product and program standards, culinary consulting standards, housekeeping support, equipment maintenance, rebate reporting, audit requirements and small wares ownership – were all included.

Bids were received from Aramark Corporation and Bon Appetit Management Company on April 12, 2000. The Dining Contract Team read, reviewed, and evaluated the Bids. The unanimous decision was to recommend to President Tobin and Vice President O'Leary that Bon Appetit Management Company be offered the opportunity to negotiate a new four-year contract with Hamilton College. President Tobin and Vice President O'Leary concurred.

Why did we make this choice? There was no other company that could provide the food we wanted in the style that we require and with the flexibility of service that we demand. Are they perfect? No, they aren't. The recommendation that the Dining Contract Team made to President Tobin and Vice President O'Leary included a caution: "There is certainly greater risk in this choice because failure happens, but there is also greater gain because they are willing to meet our ever-changing needs." We realize that Bon Appetit tests our boundaries.....sometimes those experiences have wonderful results and sometimes they don't. With Bon Appetit we have the ability to evaluate the dining opportunities on a daily basis, including menus, products, personnel, production, equipment and consulting and training etc., and immediately modify the program if needed. That simply was not possible with any other contractor.

The Dining Review Team would like to thank the employees of Bon Appetit and welcome them for another four years. It is incredibly hard to be judged three times a day by 1680 participants – nothing about food is perfect. It's harder still to be involved in a year-long contract review and have 5 other companies trying to edge you out. We would also like to thank all of the students and employees who offered their insights and suggestions for the next contract. Without your guidance we could not have formulated dining plans, catering support, cash operations to meet your needs.

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Editorial

Don't Rush to Judgement

Hamilton's administration has a history of rushing to quick verdicts. In light of the upcoming conference sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, we would hope that the administration would use this forum not as a policy announcement session, but rather to elicit student input in order to help shape college policy.

If the session is used as a policy announcement session, there could be grave consequences for the administration in light of what has happened on campus in the past few weeks.

The first prime example is the administration's handling of the Athletic Director situation. Whenever people are hired to positions, there is a process that must take place: resume exchanges, interviews, selection committee meetings, and consultations with a number of parties. Due process did not occur in this situation.

Secondly, in light of the Alpha Delta Phi decision there is a lot of suspicion about the administration's attempts to control fraternity life and in a broader sense, social life, on campus.

While administrative control over social life has the potential to be a very delicate situation, there could be a lot of reconciliation between administrators and students that could come out of working together to resolve such an important issue.

Think about it: if students, faculty, and administrators all work together to help form social guidelines and each party was forced, in a sense, to work together to come up with such a policy, it could result in a much better overall atmosphere on campus.

Each party would have the opportunity to understand what the other one thinks and incorporate this view into their own vision of the policy. This would be beneficial to the entire college.

The administration can only help itself by meeting with students and talking about their concerns. If, however, the administration again decides to make a haphazard decision without talking to a representative body of students and faculty, we fear the results.

Alcohol is a very difficult issue for Hamilton's President Eugene Tobin and Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson to deal with. They have to be responsible and comply with the law, but without sacrificing student satisfaction on campus.

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Letters

To the Editor:

First, I would like to thank Tim Sapir for clarifying his previous remarks when he expanded on his concerns about the Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs in last week's issue. The goals and methods of the Social Norms campaign are described elsewhere in this week's paper. I would like to speak to Mr. Sapir's specific concerns regarding the data that we have used.

Mr. Sapir accurately states that we surveyed a stratified random sample of 400 students and that we had a return rate of 59%. I'm pleased that he realizes that "normally, a 59% return rate would be great" which it is, but he goes on to wonder about the 41% who didn't respond. Without offering any evidence to support it, he suggests that those who chose not to respond include a disproportionate number of heavier drinkers. He also implies that if those students were included in the data, the results would be significantly different. While it is statistically highly unlikely for this to be true, I'm not at all sure whether Mr. Sapir has fully considered the implication of his suggestion if it were true.

The data that was collected in November 1998 gives a clear picture of the negative effects of excessive alcohol use on Hamilton's campus. Some of these negative effects include poor academic performance, trouble with authorities, property damage, arguments or fights, driving a car after drinking, missed classes, criticism from friends, injuries, students thinking they had a problem with alcohol or drugs, trying unsuccessfully to stop, or taking advantage of or being taken advantage of sexually. We know the proportion of Hamilton students who have experienced these problems as a result of their use of alcohol and/or other drugs. Thankfully, the overwhelming majority of our students report not experiencing these problems.

While I am confident that our data provide us with unusually accurate estimates of the frequency of problems on our campus, I must wonder: What if Mr. Sapir is correct? Do our figures grossly underrepresent the negative outcomes based on his suggestion of the "hard drinker who is too busy socializing to fill out a survey?" If this were true, then Mr. Sapir can only conclude that the problems about which the Presidential Coalition is concerned are much more widespread than originally thought. Given the lack of success of other educational efforts cited elsewhere in this issue of the Spectator, and Mr. Sapir's expressed doubts about the Social Norms Campaign, I wonder what constructive suggestions may be offered. For colleges with widespread problems, Henry Wechsler, a pre-eminent researcher on college alcohol use, has been suggesting significant alterations in college policies and the enforcement of them. Is this what Mr. Sapir had in mind?

Bob Kazin,
Chair Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs

To the Editor:

It was August of 1998, and I was attending a ceremony for my grandfather, who was being inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame, along with three other people. One of these people was Tom Murphy, Atheltic Director and men's basketball coach at Hamilton College. I had the opportunity to meet and talk to him before the ceremony began. He was very person-

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Insight & Ideas

Social Norms Campaign: A New Way to Educate

Bob Kazin

The Presidential Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs was formed in the Spring of 1998 with a clear statement of its mission. Excessive use of alcohol and other drugs creates significant problems that interfere with the educational mission of the institution and with the activities of its community members. Abuse of substances on this campus contributes to decreased academic performance, disruptive living situations, interpersonal violence, life-threatening medical conditions, sexual assault and rape, driving while intoxicated, conflicts with authorities, and damage to property. Even those who do not excessively use substances are negatively impacted by these behaviors. The goal of the coalition was and is to reduce the frequency of these negative behaviors in our community.

While there are many aspects to the efforts designed to accomplish our goals, the most obvious to the community at this point is the publication of the results of the statistical study of our own campus based on data collected in November, 1998. This Social Norms Campaign is the main focus of our educational efforts and is based on exciting new research.

In the past, efforts by colleges to educate its students about alcohol have generally fallen into two categories. The first includes educational programs generally intended to provide students with accurate information about alcohol and the way that it impacts us biologically and behaviorally. Hamilton College currently offers programs in this category in the form of the Alcohol Education Seminar (AES) and Toward Responsible Awareness of Chemicals (TRAC) to which students are referred and/or mandated after experiencing problematic incidents related to substance use. While helpful to small groups of students who have already experienced difficulties, no evidence exists that such programs delivered to the entire campus will result in measurably lowering the frequency of the negative effects of excessive use.

The second type of educational program attempted at many colleges includes information-based publicity that promotes responsible behavior and makes students aware of the dangers of excessive use. Posters with statements such as "It's OK not to drink," or "Eat before drinking" point out such facts as "Heavy drinkers are arrested more frequently, get into fights, harm themselves and others" fall into this category. A typical photographically oriented poster shows a college student whose head is hanging over the toilet with a caption suggesting that this may not be fun. The latter examples fall into the category of "scare tactics" and have recently been referred to in the literature as "Health Terrorism." Again, the evidence is clear that these methods do not result in the desired outcomes of lowering the frequency of the negative effects of excessive use.

The first and, so far, only educational program shown to decrease the negative impact of excessive use of alcohol and other drugs is the Social Norms approach that is now being used at Hamilton. Pioneered recently at a university in the Midwest, with results that have been replicated at three other institutions, this approach is now being used at Hamilton and at other campuses. The expectation is that we will soon demonstrate, as have four other colleges, that we can significantly reduce the negative effects of excessive use.

The Social Norms approach is based on the frequently replicated finding that college students always perceive that normative use is far greater than it really is. For example, at Hamilton, 73% of our students believe that the normal frequency of drinking on this campus is three times per week or more. However, 63% of our students reported drinking once per week, less frequently, or not at all. Obviously, there is a disconnection between perception and reality. The majority of our students are either non-drinkers or moderate drinkers. While they are in the majority, they believe they're in the minority.

The Social Norms Campaign is designed to inform the majority of our students that they are in the majority, and that their previously held perceptions about alcohol norms are not supported by the data. This research may also suggest to the other students that they are not in the majority, but rather in a minority of students who use frequently and/or excessively. These students disproportionately experience the negative effects that we hope to decrease. They also cause negative effects to others in the form of issues of safety, campus damage, and disturbance to sleep and study.

The fact that this campaign has been the subject of so much conversation among students is a wonderful first step. Of course, the ultimate goal is to achieve a real and lasting impact. The results from other campuses that have tried this approach are so promising that an entire state is now trying a Social Norms campaign. I am hopeful that by this time next year, we will have data that will demonstrate the positive impact of our efforts.

Thanks for everything coach, really thanks

W.J. Gormley

To the Hamilton Community,

I am the Creative Editor of *The Spectator* and a member of the editorial board. I assist in designing the paper, doing some lay out, and writing the occasional news or opinion piece. I also swam as a "walk-on" to the Hamilton College Swim Team my freshman and the first semester of my sophomore years.

Why, you ask, would I share these two seemingly incongruous facts with you? What does swimming have to do with writing?

Well, in a larger sense both swimming and writing have to do with discipline, which has to do with setting your mind on a personal goal and achieving that goal. In some sense it has nothing to do with how well you perform in relation to others as much as it has to do with how you perform against your own potential.

In writing for *The Spectator* I always strive to become better, to improve both the content of my writings and my ability to influence the opinions of the community. When I swam, I always tried to both better my times and increase the contributions I could make to my team. I was always proud of my contributions to my teammates and proud of their contributions to the whole. Recently, I have not felt the same about my writings and *The Spectator*.

Last week, *The Spectator* published an article on the front and back pages concerning the naming of Swim Coach Dave Thompson to the position of Assistant Athletic Director and eventually to Athletic Director in 2002, replacing Basketball Coach Tom Murphy.

I don't want to go into the wisdom of that article. Putting a piece that placed the opinion of the writer at the fore rather than a reasoned objective news story was a decision made by my Editor-in-Chief David Zane and Managing Editor Peter Ringel. I do not agree with that choice, as it blurs the line between personal opinion and established fact, but it was not mine to make.

I cannot comment on whether the decision by President Gene Tobin was a just or right one. I have never met Coach Murphy and have no basis on passing judgement. However, what I can and will comment on is that intentional or not, this article slighted Coach Thompson. Coach (as I think I will always call Mr. Thompson) is one of the finest people I have yet to encounter at Hamilton for both the good will and dedication he provides his players and for the overall content of his character. Any ill comment or negative inference the article in question placed on Coach is unfounded and simply not true.

This is, it would seem, the reason that my writing and swimming would conflict, for I have to choose between defending my former coach and standing by what I would consider to be a mistaken position of my paper. I choose to support Coach Thompson, not that he needs my support.

The impact and influence of those three semesters I swam for him will stay with me for the rest of my life and to not speak out is unthinkable.

I suspect that many letters from swimmers and non-swimmers alike will be printed this week; and to the resounding chorus of praise I would like to add my own story and musings.

I came to college, for one reason or another, lost. I had no idea what I wanted out of this experience or what to do for fun and recreation.

I went to the pre-season swim meeting on somewhat of a lark; I had swum competitively from the age of 6 to the age of 13, but had not been in a pool or a Speedo for 5 years. I think many coaches looking at an out-of-shape, unskilled young man who just wanted to have some fun would have told me to get lost. This was a team that was poised to launch a string of wins and championship seasons unmatched in the short history of Hamilton athletics. I had no place there, amongst All-Americans such as Mark Muldenhouer, Andrew Wintermuth, and fellow first year D.J. Postles (who would go on to be one of the finest Division III distance swimmers in the nation).

But Coach took a chance on me. He included me on that team and gave me a shot to be a varsity athlete, something that would never have happened without him.

I could not do a flip turn or swim farther than 200 yards with out panting for breath, but from day one, Coach gave me personal support and instruction. He put on a suit and showed me the proper technique. He pushed me harder physically than anyone had pushed me before. I lost over 50 pounds and gained a newfound respect for myself thanks to him.

I wasn't fitting in at first, so he took some of the older swimmers aside and told them to take me under their wing. Coach treated me with a respect and care that I still appreciate. This is not to suggest that he coddled me or any other member of the men's squad--when I needed a swift kick in the ass because I was dragging he gave it to me.

If you didn't put in the effort, he didn't either. But that was what it was all about. Effort. By focusing on the amount of work everyone put in and their dedication as opposed to just who could swim the fastest, success came for all. When I failed out of school my sophomore year (for reasons unrelated to swimming), coach took the time to call me at my house and to help me through this difficult period.

His support and encouragement were one of the reasons I returned to Hamilton. When I came back and was unable to make the squad again, rather than post a list he held a private meeting with me, in which he outlined both the reason for his decision and why it was best for both the team and myself. He gave me a sense of dignity and pride, not because he had to, but because that is just the kind of person he is.

I could go on with praise about Coach. How he supported me even when I threw up from exhaustion at the end of every race and practice. How he took extra time to instruct me. How he invited me to the spring sports banquet and called me up in front of every other athlete to be recognized for my achievements even though I had not achieved a varsity letter.

But I will sum it up with this simple fact: Coach Thompson represents all that is good about Division III athletics. He imparted in me a sense of discipline, pride, and responsibility that I will always carry with me.

I am sure that Coach Murphy has similar stories about him and his impact on student athletes. Indeed, I am sure that his record of support of all student athletes is one of the best with in the NESCAC. But to those who love Murphy, don't make the mistake of villifying another wonderful and supportive coach in your defense of him.

So to Coach, if you are reading this, I have just two more things to say. First thanks for the time, the memories and the support over the years. Secondly I'm sorry if my newspaper has done you wrong or tarnished your reputation in any way. You would never do that to me.

Sincerely,

W.J. Gormley'01
Creative Editor

Letters Continued

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able, and created a great first impression. When it was Coach Murphy's turn to speak after being honored, he was introduced by fellow friend and coach Stan Evans. When Coach Murphy spoke, one of the things I immediately picked up on was that he did not use the word "I". He always used the words "We" or "Our", such as, "We have been fortunate to have so many great student athletes" or "We have been lucky to have access to a great coaching staff." I thought it was pretty remarkable that Tom Murphy remained humble with the accomplishments he has compiled over the years. Anyone familiar with Hamilton knows how successful Coach Murphy has been. A measure of his consistent excellence as a basketball coach is seen in his office on a plaque. Since 1975, Hamilton College has the highest winning percentage of any basketball program in the nation. Yes, that includes Duke, North Carolina, UCLA and all of the other teams you see on television. But when you talk to Tom Murphy you will never hear him mention his individual accomplishments. This was evident during his speech when he would speak of the "Hamilton Family" rather than "I". Being a high school senior at the time, I had many schools in mind. After seeing Tom Murphy accepting this prestigous individual award on behalf of all those he had worked with, I remember that night where I wanted to spend my next four years of college. If Tom Murphy represented the Hamilton family, then I wanted to be part of the Hamilton community.

I do not know the reason(s) why the recent decision was made reagrding the upcoming change in leadership. I do know that those familiar with Tom Murphy know how irreplaceable he will be. I do know, more often than not, it appears that regardless of the career we choose, our goal is one of service. Ask yourself this: has anyone served Hamilton College and the position of Athletic Director better than Tom Murphy?

Fred Shear '03

To the Editor:

What do you think of when you think of a newspaper? I think of a publication that is produced to share information about relevant issues to the community that it is servicing. I also think of it as a place where a reader can gather unbiased information about something that happens, unless of course that person is reading an editorial or opinion piece.

But for the most part I think that no matter what the story is about, if it is going to be covered in areas other than editorial or opinion sections the information contained in the article should be as objective as possible and give the reader the best sense of all sides to the story.

And it is for this reason that I was so disappointed to read the front page story in last week's edition about President Tobin's decision to remove Tom Murphy from the position of Athletic Director effective July 1, 2002 to be succeeded by current Men's and Women's Swim Coach Dave Thompson. I am not an athlete here at Hamilton nor did I have anything to do with the decision. When I heard about it and saw that the Spectator was covering it I expected to read a front-page article that would try and tell me all sides to the story. I did not expect to read one that was so heavily weighted towards the side that is angry that Coach Murphy was removed from his position.

In fact I was so disappointed in the fact that Mr.Ringel's article was so focused on one side that I tried to do a little investigating on my own in order to form an opinion on the issue since I didn't feel like I was getting both sides of the story from him. What I came up with on my investigation was quite interesting.

In his article Mr.Ringel wrote "Enter head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach Dave Thompson. Is he qualified to serve as Hamilton's Athletic Director? Maybe." Did Mr.Ringel go on to explain why or how Coach Thompson might be qualified? No, which would give the reader the impression that he is not. But after spending five minutes looking at the Athletics section of the Hamilton College website I was able to find out the following facts. Coach Thompson has been at Hamilton for 16 years and in those 16 years he has a dual meet record of 195-97. He has also coached 94 qualifiers for NCAA Championships and 33 All-Americans.

He was voted the NYSWCAA and UNYSCSA "Coach of the Year" in 1999, which makes the 6th time in 8 years that he has received this honor. In 1994 the Men's Swim Team came in 18th at the NCAA Division III Championships, in 1999 they came in 13th and in 2000 they placed 8th. Which means that in just 6 years under the guidance of Coach Thompson the Men's Swim Team increased their standings by 10 places. To the average reader these seem like some significant statistics, how qualified they make him to be an Athletic Director I am not sure. But I would have liked to have at least heard some of these statistics in an article that was discussing his placement as Hamilton's Athletic Director.

Mr.Ringel also made reference to the Sears Cup in which Hamilton ranked 19th, making it the highest that it has ever been and "is a testament to Murphy's hard work and leadership." I looked into Hamilton's rankings and learned from the Athletics section of the Hamilton College website that the Sear's Directors Cup is based on how many teams scored points or participated at NCAA post-season tournament or championship competition.

Hamilton reached its ranking through the 30 points earned by the Men's Varsity Basketball Team, 76 points earned by the Men's Swim Team, 63 points earned by the Women's Swim Team and 37 points earned by Maggie Hanson who placed fourth in the 1,500-meter run at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. So it would seem to me that although some credit should be given to Coach Murphy for his leadership as Athletic Director and the points that the Men's Basketball team earned under his guidance as Head Coach, credit should also be given for our standing in the Sear's Cup to Coach Thompson and his teams as well as Maggie Hanson and her coaches.

And the last point that I would like to make regards something that Mr.Ringel said about the fact that at a time when there will be "as many as six new coaches may be in place by the beginning of the next school year many people believe that a senior administrator such as Murphy is especially needed."

This comment struck me because it seems like having 6 new coaches in one year is a lot, and maybe this is a problem that should be focused on first before we worry about having a senior administrator in place to watch over the new coaches.

Especially since the senior administrator that people are worried about not being in place is also the one who is running the department with such a high turnover in the first place.

I am not saying all of this because I agree with President Tobin's decision or that I have anything against Coach Murphy.

And I am not saying this because I think that Coach Thompson should necessarily be the new Athletic Director. I mean let's be honest we are never going to fully understand any decision that the administration makes but that doesn't mean that all of the decisions that they make are totally wrong or have no merit which is the attitude that I got from reading Mr.Ringel's article. All I am trying to say is that there might be more to it than simply what Mr.Ringel said.

And if I (a simple general reader) can be able to see that there are significant facts missing from one side of story which don't necessarily need to be gotten from an interview with that side then surely the editors of the Spectator could have noticed it as well and tried to fix the problem before sending it to print.

My hope is that in the future the editors and writers of the Spectator will take into account a bit more carefully how biased or opinionated an article might be before placing it on the front page.

Tricia Woodward '00

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Science in the News

Why blood drives matter

By Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

The Syracuse chapter of the American Red Cross set up shop in the Events Barn on Tuesday and collected some 62 pints of blood from the generous arms of people throughout the community.

Tuesday's blood drive, the second this spring, was organized by Tau Kappa Epsilon Philanthropy Chair Jim Lempenau '00 and conducted by more than a dozen Red Cross staff and volunteers from the central New York region. There were a total of 72 donors, but several individuals were deferred because they had either high or low blood pressure, or insufficient blood iron content to make donation safe.

The Red Cross sets a goal of 75 units per blood drive. This one fell a bit short of the goal, partially because of deferrals but more so because many people who signed up to donate failed to keep their appointments.

Blood that is ready for use in medical procedures is a scarce commodity in this region, throughout the country and around the world. The American Red Cross provides about half the nation's blood supply of roughly six million pints per year, according to the organization's website.

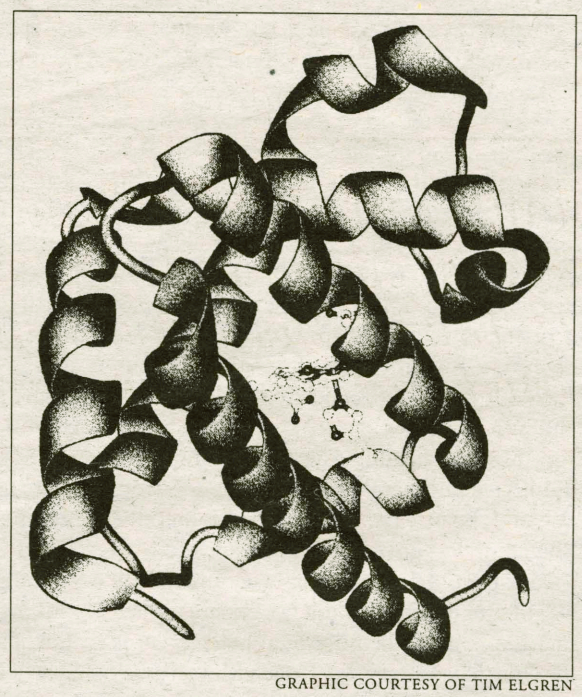
Nationally though, less than 5% of the population gives blood. In New England alone, a total of 1400 pints of blood must be collected each day to meet the demand there.

There exists such a strong need for donors because blood transports nutrients and oxygen, fights infection, provides clotting factors and eliminates wastes. It is used in surgery, trauma, chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, hemophilia, shock and other life-threatening condition, according to the Red Cross. The only source is a healthy donor; blood can not be manufactured.

Back in the lab, each pint of blood is separated into its component parts: red cells, plasma and platelets. The components are then given to different patients according to need. Each donation is also tested extremely carefully for blood-born diseases like HIV and hepatitis.

The human body contains between 10 and 12 pints of blood, depending on body weight. Healthy donors replace their blood volume within about six hours of donating, and blood cells return to normal levels after a few weeks. The need for blood is easy to understand; it saves lives. But few people know how blood actually works, and even fewer appreciate the unbelievable mechanism that has evolved to enable us do everything from run marathons to climb mountains.

All mammals (that includes humans) have hemoglobin in their red blood cells, or erythrocytes. Hemoglobin is a huge protein that contains four iron atoms per protein. Each iron is the site of oxygen binding. When you breath in, oxygen passes through your lungs and into your blood, where it binds to the iron atoms in hemoglobin - one oxygen (O_2) per iron, four per hemoglobin molecule.



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A computer model of myoglobin. Myoglobin is an oxygen storage protein that has an iron in its core just like hemoglobin (center). The curly lines are chemical strands in the protein that shift depending on whether oxygen is bound or unbound.

With about 300 million hemoglobin molecules per red blood cell and millions of cells, plenty of oxygen is able to bind on and flow through the blood to muscle tissue, where oxygen is consumed and carbon dioxide is produced. The protein releases oxygen where it is needed most.

The fact that we breath in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide is no mystery, but there's another twist to the story. Literally, a twist.

Over the millions of years that life has been evolving on earth, nature has become better and better at making things tick. Hemoglobin itself is an incredibly elegant molecule, with abilities and properties that scientists can only dream of duplicating in the lab.

Hemoglobin is so refined that it shifts between two different forms depending on the amount of oxygen present. In the lungs, where oxygen is abundant, the protein is twisted in such a way that when oxygen begins to bind, hemoglobin's affinity for oxygen actually increases. A precise shift in the chemical structure of hemoglobin turns the protein into an oxygen magnet.

On the other hand, when blood cells reach active muscle tissue, the protein shifts back to its original state. As this happens, hemoglobin loses its binding affinity and dumps every last bit of oxygen where it is needed most. The cycle continues and we live on.

The more we study things like hemoglobin the more we tend to realize how amazing biological systems actually are. Even the mechanism for delivering blood to the body is highly evolved. Hemoglobin's efficiency has

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worked pretty well thus far, but think about all of nature's misfires on the way.

Our blood cells contain hemoglobin because hemoglobin has worked better than any other oxygen transport vehicles that have evolved in mammals. The advantage given to organisms that developed hemoglobin first enabled them to outcompete other individuals and pass on their superior code for moving oxygen through the system.

The hemoglobin story is a far cry from Tuesday's blood drive, but in a way its not. There is no other compound we know of that can work like human blood. And hemoglobin is only the beginning of what blood does constantly in our body, even though we tend not to think much about it.

Doench heading to MIT

By Annie Toth '02
SCIENCE WRITER

The 1999-2000 academic year has proven to be an exciting and successful one for senior biochem major John Doench. After receiving several letters of acceptance at some of the nation's leading graduate research institutions, John has decided to enroll in MIT's Ph.D. program in biochemistry.

During his years at Hamilton, John worked with Professor Tim Elgren, head of the biochemistry department. John has spent time over the summer working with Professor Elgren on a project that involved the enzyme ribonucleotide reductase.

Ribonucleotide reductase is an incredibly important enzyme because it produces the individual chemical units that comprise our DNA. The enzyme reduces RNA (ribonucleic acid) to DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) by a mechanism that is the focus of intense research today. His responsibilities included isolating the enzyme from E.coli bacteria, purifying it, and testing its catalytic activity under various conditions. A catalyst performs certain chemical reactions, which would ordinarily proceed much more slowly or not at all, very quickly.

John was so interested in his summer work that he decided to make it the subject of his senior thesis. John speaks very highly of Professor Elgren and his "relaxed but excited attitude" in approaching research. Elgren not only taught John basic laboratory and research skills, but also encouraged him to solve problems independently. "Professor Elgren never gives away answers," he commented.

The stunning facebook portrait of John Doench. A biochem major in Professor Elgren's lab, he will begin work on his doctorate at MIT next year.

Next year, John will join a whole new scientific community. As a grad student at MIT, he will have the opportunity to work with top researchers in biochemistry. He may choose to assist Dr. Dave Bartel, whose work involves ribozymes and RNA evolution.

Ribozymes are molecules like DNA, but that have been shown to have catalytic properties - a discovery that took scientists by very much by surprise.

Or he may opt to work with Dr. JoAnne Stubbe, who according to John is "the gold standard of scientific research." Stubbe's research involves enzymes that activate oxygen, a topic related to Professor Elgren's work. During his years at MIT, John has two main goals. He wants to perfect his problem solving skills, and he wants to establish himself as a "quality, motivated researcher."

The atmosphere at MIT, which he describes as intense, but surprisingly "non-competitive and communal," will allow him to accomplish these goals. The friendly and cooperative environment at MIT attracts John to the school more than anything else, except maybe the fact that Fenway Park is only seven stops away on the T.

John feels that his experiences at Hamilton, especially those in the sciences, will be invaluable in the future. He encourages all students interested in science to participate in research. "The earlier the better," he recommends. "The more experience you have, the more you get out of a project, and the more you enjoy it."

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Arts & Entertainment

In search of the 6 martini lunch

By WJ Gormley '01
CREATIVE EDITOR

In Search of Vermouth and the 6-martini lunch. An administrator told me once that the purpose of Hamilton's alcohol policy was to "develop responsible drinking habits that will last past college and serve you well later in life." Well at least that's what I thought they said, I didn't really pay attention. Anyway I hope that's what they said because it's a pretty good idea for an alcohol policy. Anyhow this week I set off in pursuit of that ideal, by attempting to partake on the 2-martini lunch, a bastion of western business culture and social practice.

Since I consider myself three times the man of the normal working shmoe, I decided to actually partake in the 6-martini lunch. Not as easy as it sounds since local Clinton bars tend to own vermouth. This paucity of vermouth began to seem endemic across the Mohawk valley region, until I noticed that the Al Ham pub (the former Nells) probably owned a bottle of that blessed Martini & Rossi Dry ambrosia.

Normally such a lunch would be the perfect place for me to bring along my erstwhile companion Brett "I'm not a drunk so stop bothering me in the middle of the day to go boozing" Monroe. However he was otherwise engaged so I took with me the last bastion of Connecticut upper crust culture, Ben Bardwell. We were set and ready to go. I had a designated driver all lined up and the spec expense account shined up real nice. The day was gorgeous with the sent of hibiscus and mown grass in the air. The perfect day to sit in a dark smoky bar and drink Beefeaters strait up. However we reached a snag when it was determined upon query that the Al Ham Pub did not in fact serve lunch. Bardwell remarked that he thought he had spied a dusty bottle of vermouth in Alteris, so off we went on another journey through the warrens and dens of sum and villainy that make up downtown Clinton. Once again the fates conspired against us, as Alteri's is closed on Monday's. There was nothing else to do but hole up in the VT (out of the cursed sun) and consider the problem of where to eat lunch over a beer or three.

Gracie, the Tavern's afternoon bartender, suggested we try the Franklin Hotel in Rome. But on the way there our designated driver got fed up with our shenanigans and we were left on the side of 233 without transportation. Undaunted, Mr. Bardwell suggested we find a dingy bar to curl up in and catch a bite to eat. No sooner did he make this appeal to heaven when an oasis of immorality appeared-The Baha Sports Bar.

The Baha is located on 233 right after the Mobile station and before the Westmoreland exit to the Thruway. The atmosphere can only be described as a sports bar designed by an 8 year old with a 20 dollar budget. There were posters form Nascar magazines, a NY Giants vanity plate and an unauthorized Troy Aikman jersey that looked almost completely but not quite unlike any thing he ever wore in a game. Pictures of team helmet's that closely resembled cut-up calendar backs lined the mirror behind the bar. But the most wonderful piece of decoration was the bottle of vermouth, sitting in a perfect halo behind the massive collection of bottles.

The Baha perhaps has the finest collection of Nips (AirPlane Bottles or the kind served in bars in South Carolina) I have ever scene in a bar before. I suppose there was an amusing story to go along with this huge collection but it was drowned out by the demands of Ben for another Martini. Beers go for $1.50 before 4:30 p.m. and mixed drinks were $2 for well, and $2.25 and higher for the good stuff. I am not quite sure what the Beefeaters Martinis we were drinking cost because my lovely companion dipped in to his trust fund left over From the Standard Oil Days to pay the bar tab.

Any who, on to the lunch. Delicious. The Baha served real American bar food. There was no pretension on trying to be extra fancy or fashionable. They had Wings, Fries, Rings and other heart attack specials. Also, unlike previous restaurants I had reviewed they possessed a written down menu. I had an 18" steak and cheese sub for $6.95 I think onions and mushrooms were an 50cents additional. Ben had a marinated chicken breast sandwich with fries and slaw. He described the chicken as "Kind of a mild tereaki, but have you noticed that every thing is starting to taste like Gin and olives?" "Nonsense", I replied, "that's just your mind playing tricks on you."

All kidding aside, I really did like the Baha. It was what I envisioned food at the Rok to be like if they had a kitchen and Sarge was replaced by a chain-smoking woman with mall bangs and a tank top. The Food was served fast and hot and boy was it tasty. Granted it was not the best cheese steak I ever had, but it was the best I found this area to offer. The meat was cooked through but not to rubbery, and the onions and peppers were caramelized but un-burnt. Ben mumbled something about enjoying his sandwich as well, but I tend to tune him out because all he ever talks about is sailing and geology. The entire meal with 4 sodas and tip came to 18 dollars. Prices range from 3 bucks for a meatball hero to 8 or 9 bucks for the most expensive entree in the place. Cheap as hell for the amount of food served. Not VT Lunch cheap, but what else is?

One more Baha selling point. In the men's room, above the urinal was a delightful collage of penthouse pet pictures from the mid 70's. These personal favorites proved one of Martha Stewart's old adages "Just some pictures and glue is all you need to create a lively decoupage or collage to brighten up the entire room". Brightening up that dinghy little men's room, it certainly did.

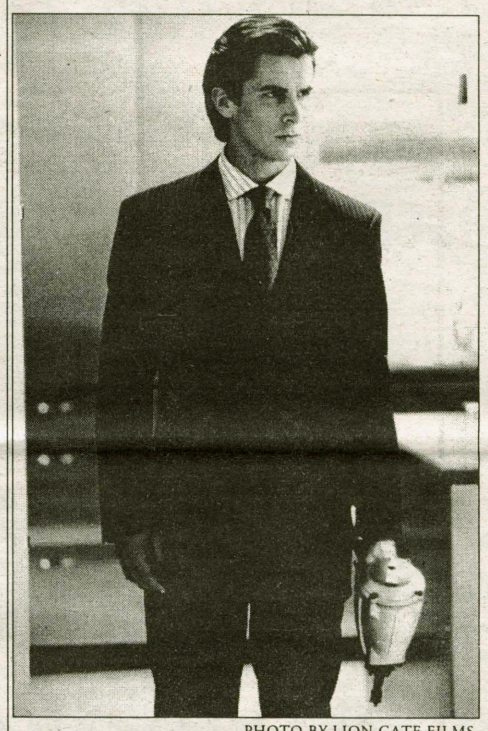
As Ben and I weaved home, walking down 233 with our bellies full and our heads muddied, I thought to myself. I sure am glad that booze is banned from campus. You know without the administration taking care of every little thing (including wiping my ass for me), I might be inclined to do this in a college owned social space every day for lunch." Thank You, President Tobin, for watching out for my best interest. Oh yeah, and god bless the six Martini lunch.

American Psycho brings 80s social commentary to light

By Keith St. Germain '00

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Mary Harron's *American Psycho* is that it has been released at all. The picture seemed doomed from the beginning as Harron and her team were pushed aside almost two years ago in favor of a larger budget and Oliver Stone. However, Leonardo DiCaprio, who was slated to play the role of Patrick Bateman, dropped out of the project due to its violent content. After Leo backed out, Harron (*I Shot Andy Warhol*) was back on the project with Christian Bale (*Swing Kids, Newsies*) playing the Patrick Bateman role.

Leo's loss is the audience's gain in



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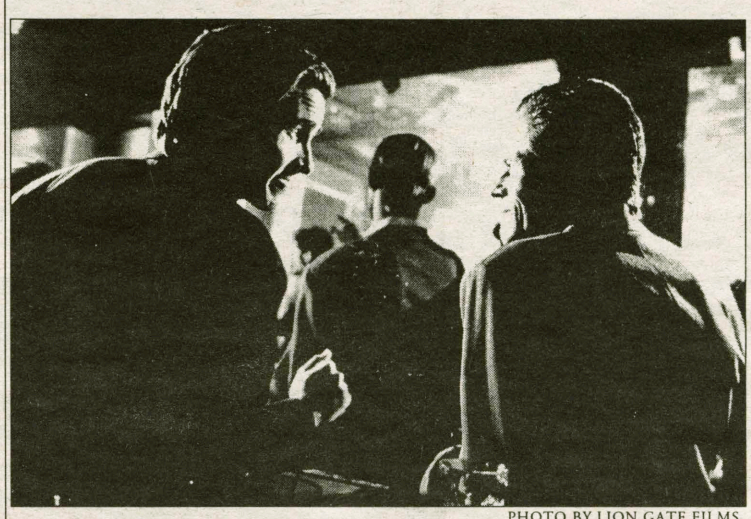
Bateman is dressed to kill in *American Psycho*.

American Psycho. Christian Bale is near perfect as Patrick Bateman, a twenty-seven year old executive at Wall Street's Pierce and Pierce. Bateman inhabits the shallow world that was Manhattan in the mid-1980s, dining at all the hip restaurants and going to the best clubs. However, Bateman has a problem. He must kill. Throughout the movie, Bateman speaks of his disgust for life and the immeasurable pain that he suffers. He presumably kills for these reasons, but no background is given of his family life, and his apartment shows no personal photographs or effects whatsoever. As Bateman says, he is simply not there.

Despite the violence in the movie, *American Psycho* is a successful black comedy which uses the absurdity of the eighties as fodder. Some of the most hilarious scenes are when Bateman and his colleagues exchange their new business cards, Bateman trembling because Paul Allen's (Jared Leto, "My So Called Life") is nicer than his own. Another moment of hilarity ensues when Bateman breaks up with his girlfriend (finely played by Reese Witherspoon, *Election*) in a restaurant. He tells her that he is a homicidal maniac, which she refuses to hear as she babbles on about their wedding and who the photographer should be.

Although Harron makes *American Psycho* a violent movie, the majority of the violence takes place off-camera, or is alluded to. Moving the focus away from the violence is a smart move, as it allowed Harron to focus more on the satirical elements of the film. The ensemble cast of Bale, Leto, Witherspoon, Willem Defoe (*Affliction*), Chloe Sevigny (*Last Days of Disco*), Matt Ross (*Last Days of Disco*) and Samantha Mathis (*Broken Arrow*) work well together to bring a coherent picture of Bateman's social circle and all it's problems to the viewer. Mathis is especially amusing as Courtney, Bateman's mistress, who is addicted to many prescription drugs, so many that she regularly passes out during dinner.

Overall, *American Psycho* is an interesting film. Harron does a fine job adapting Bret Easton Ellis's controversial novel for the big screen, taking out most of the graphic violence and playing up the satirical elements of the story. However, there are a few violent, over the top scenes that detract from the main message of the film. Also, the message that the 1980s were filled with shallowness and avarice is basically common knowledge, an idea which limits the success of the satire. Harron does get the most out of Bale, although viewers who are not familiar with the book may not quite understand who his friends are and what their respective stories are. More character development would have enhanced the film, especially with Evelyn (Witherspoon) and Courtney (Mathis).



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Bateman (Christian Bale) is grilled by William Dafoe.

Despite these flaws, *American Psycho* is worth the trip to the theater. Viewers who enjoy dark comedy (or Christian Bale) and can put up with some violence will find *American Psycho* to be two hours well spent.

Video Review
The Insider

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

For those of you who missed *The Insider* in the theaters (and there are a lot of you), now is your chance to see one of the best films of the year. Recently released on video, Michael Mann's (*Heat, The Last Of The Mohicans*) film about the tobacco industry is sure to please.

Russell Crowe stars as Jeffrey Wigand, a scientist for a tobacco industry who proves that cigarettes are purely nicotine providers. With the help of 60 minutes producer Lowell Bergman, played by Al Pacino, Wigand breaks a confidentiality agreement he had with the tobacco company to do a 60 minutes interview with Mike Wallace, played by Chris Plummer, only to be left high and dry when CBS refused to run the interview. Despite pleads from Bergman, CBS Corporates feared lawsuits from the tobacco companies that would put certain individuals in the company at a financial loss, endangering both Wigand and his family.

For a film with little action, *The Insider* packs a wallop of suspense. Mann's roaming camera gives this film a documentary feel, making the viewer the true "insiders". His attention to detail is impeccable as well. We see, play by play, the intricate workings of how Bergman found Wigand, got him to speak, and how the interview came about. We also see how CBS 60 Minutes is run and behind the scenes actions that determine what airs on ths show.

Furthermore, *The Insider* is not blatantly anti-tobacco, though there is relatively no smoking by any of the characters in the film and the "seven dwarfs", or the seven CEO's of the major tobacco companies, are made to look bad. Rather, anti-corporate swine who are willing to put the lives of heroes in danger in order to make a buck are true enemies of the film.

If this film had made a little more money in the box-office, it would have rivaled *American Beauty* for the Oscar. With a top-notch script written by Eric Roth and Mann himself and supurb acting (note Russell Crowe's performance), *The Insider* is a hit. If you have DVD capabilities, the DVD version of this film brings you even closer to the inside of the film with interviews with the director, cast, as well as the real life Wigand and Bergman.

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Tigers, White Sox Players Penalized

CHICAGO (AP) - In what is believed to be the harshest penalty for a brawl in baseball history, 16 members of the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox were suspended Thursday for a total of 82 games.

"They're trying to set an example for the rest of the league," White Sox manager Ron Schueler said. "I think it will. I think you're going to see around the league a little more reluctance to start fights or get involved with them.

"I respect the decision," he said. "Don't necessarily agree with it, but I respect it."

Managers Phil Garner of Detroit and Jerry Manuel of the White Sox were suspended for eight games each for Saturday's two fights at Comiskey Park. Tigers coach Juan Samuel must sit out 15 for throwing punches.

Detroit third baseman Dean Palmer, who charged the mound after being hit by Jim Parque in the first fight, was suspended for eight games. Parque got a three-game suspension. Chicago outfielder Magglio Ordonez was suspended for five.

White Sox reliever Keith Foulke, who got the worst of the brawl, needing five stitches to close a cut under his left eye, was suspended for three games.

There were 25 people fined - including the 16 who also received suspensions - ranging from $3,000 for Palmer to $500 for Detroit pitchers Danny Patterson and Jim Poole.

"We researched this as best we could, and we think this is the largest mass suspension ever," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said.

In 1998, fights at Kansas City and Yankee Stadium resulted in multiple suspensions. Five players, including Orioles pitcher Armando Benitez, were suspended for a total of 18 games after a wild brawl against the Yankees.

Two weeks later, nine players and both managers were suspended for a total of 38 games after the Anaheim Angels brawled with the Kansas City Royals.

Thursday's penalties were the first ones issued by Frank Robinson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations.

"Major league baseball wants to send a message ... that participation in these sorts of incidents will be handled in a swift and serious manner," Robinson said.

"Altercations like the one that took place in Chicago last week show a lack of sportsmanship," Robinson said. "It sends the wrong message to our fans - particularly young people. Fighting is not an acceptable part of the game."

Deciding discipline became his responsibility when commissioner Bud Selig dissolved the president's office in the AL and NL.

"I didn't expect that harsh of a treatment, I guess you could say," Manuel said. "Frank Robinson is a baseball man who I have great respect for. I can't dispute his decisions one way or the other.

"I don't agree with it, but I won't dispute it."

The penalties came a day before the White Sox were to start a series in Detroit. The suspensions will be staggered from Friday night through May 10 because of the number of players involved.

Some of the players already said they will appeal, and the penalties would not take effect until appeals have been heard.

"All you can ask for is consistent and equal penalties," Detroit general manager Randy Smith said. "I think he made every effort to do that."

White Sox reliever Bob Howry and outfielder Carlos Lee said their three-game suspensions are scheduled to begin Friday. Both plan to serve them. Ordonez, who said his suspension is to begin May 1, wants to appeal.

Though the suspensions dredge up the bad feelings from the brawl all over again, the White Sox said they don't anticipate problems in Detroit.

"They had some concerns about the severity of it. And more so about the severity for the other club," Schueler said. "After that, it was another war rally, 'Let's go get 'em.' We've got a good bunch of kids in that clubhouse. I think tomorrow you'll see them come out playing hard again."

Some White Sox were upset, though, that Detroit starter Jeff Weaver wasn't suspended. Weaver started the bad blood by plunking Lee in the sixth inning. He was done pitching and had his uniform jersey off when the fighting began, but he came back out onto the field.

Weaver was fined $750.

"For throwing at Carlos, maybe not," Howry said. "The fact he comes back on the field and the tapes show him fighting with Magglio, yeah, he probably should have gotten something."

Next week in Spec Sports:

David Zane's long awaited interview with Football coach Tim Pendergast

Summer Housing Students

The Summer Housing Lottery will be held Tuesday, May 2 at 6pm in the Assembly Room at Bristol Campus Center.

There have been several changes made regarding summer housing. The rent will be reduced to $30.00 per week per student. All students will be housed in Bundy East or Bundy West for the summer.

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regard to Dave Thompson's role in the process."

As to what exactly was inaccurate in last week's article, Tobin did not specifically say, but he implied that there were errors in *The Spectator's* investigation.

However, *The Spectator* continued to investigate the surprising decision to replace Murphy by contacting numerous trustees and administrators to find out if they were aware of Tobin's motives in making a decision of such magnitude without any process.

Chairman of the Board Kevin Kennedy was reached by phone on Wednesday afternoon and assured *The Spectator* that Murphy was not removed "as a result of any failure. Tom has done extremely well for a long time and this is the time to celebrate his success."

Kennedy added, "I do not think you have to run a search for every job, especially if you have a strong, internal candidate. Gene and I almost always talk in advance [about these types of decisions] and I knew about it, and I support him 100% in this decision."

Trustee Thomas Schwarz, who served as Acting President of Hamilton last semester, was tied up in meetings, but sent the following response via e-mail regarding Tobin's decision to replace Murphy.

"I will not comment except to say that Tom Murphy has been a wonderful Athletic Director for Hamilton as well as a superb basketball coach. But there comes a time for all of us to step aside and let the next generation of leadership lead. I know that Tom is a loyal Hamilton leader and will help in the transition to the next generation of leadership."

The recent issue of The Spectator suggests that there is a significant misunderstanding about the sequence of events leading to my decision to make changes in the athletics department. I write to correct any misperceptions that may persist.

Some people disagree with my decision, its suddenness, and the lack of any process. I respect such opinions. Nonetheless, it is most important for you to know that I first began considering a leadership change last semester. When I ultimately came to the conclusion in mid-March that it was time to make a change, I informed Tom Murphy.

My initial conversations with Tom preceded Colgate University's offer of the head swim coaching position to Dave Thompson. After it became evident that Dave was seriously considering the Colgate appointment, I approached him to determine whether he would be interested in serving as athletics director at Hamilton. Dave initially declined the offer; only at my very strong urging, did he agree to serve.

I offer you this background to help you sort through the misinformation that has begun circulating around campus. Individuals will continue to believe what they want to believe, but you and the members of your department should have the facts, especially with regard to Dave Thompson's role in this process.

E.M.T.

Eugene M. Tobin

An e-mail President Tobin sent to the Athletic Department obtained by *The Spectator* this week.

Many faculty members *The Spectator* interviewed consider Schwarz an honest man whose up front style was viewed as refreshing last semester.

More than three faculty members *The Spectator* interviewed did not believe Schwarz was consulted about the decision to remove Murphy. One of the professors explained, "This is not his style. Tom Schwarz does not act in this manner."

Schwarz is a powerful and active trustee who has Tobin's ear. Others in the President's inner circle include Vice-President of Administration and Finance Dan O'Leary and Dean of Admissions Rit Fuller. Many faculty members who spoke with *The Spectator* wanted to know if these men influenced Tobin's decision.

O'Leary acknowledged that he was consulted by Tobin about the decision, but did not say whether he agreed or disagreed with it. "There are a variety of reasons and a number of factors the President must consider before making a decision," O'Leary said. "This decision was not vindictive or personal. Tom Murphy has contributed as much as anybody in recent memory at this college."

Unlike O'Leary, Fuller says he was unaware of the President's decision. "I was surprised because I never heard him talk about it [replacing Murphy] once. This is a rarity and an exception, because in my six years here this is one of the few important decisions I was not consulted about. But I respect the President's right to make this decision."

As for Thompson, he has been relatively quiet since the decision naming him as Murphy's replacement in 2002.

There are many coaches in the department who do not seem forgiving of the way Tobin handled the situation or Thompson's decision to accept the offer without first consulting with Murphy.

One professor who has been at Hamilton for over 20 years predicted, "Unless Thompson is able to mend fences, I would not be surprised if he never assumes the Athletic Director position. He has bruised a lot of egos the way that he did this and it just does not make sense."

Another point that was raised this last week was that Tobin's decision to replace Murphy with Thompson has been buried on the Hamilton web page. One tenured professor pointed out that, "It almost appears that the college is trying to keep Murphy's accomplishments hidden."

One student was particularly angered by Tobin's email. "It seems like the President is trying to cover his tracks after the fact," the student said. "Why was everything done under a veil of secrecy? Why is it only now that he is telling us all the facts?"

"I think it's because it's convenient for Tobin to release this information now," he said. "He basically fired one of the most respected men at this college. We'll probably never find out the real reasons Murphy was removed."

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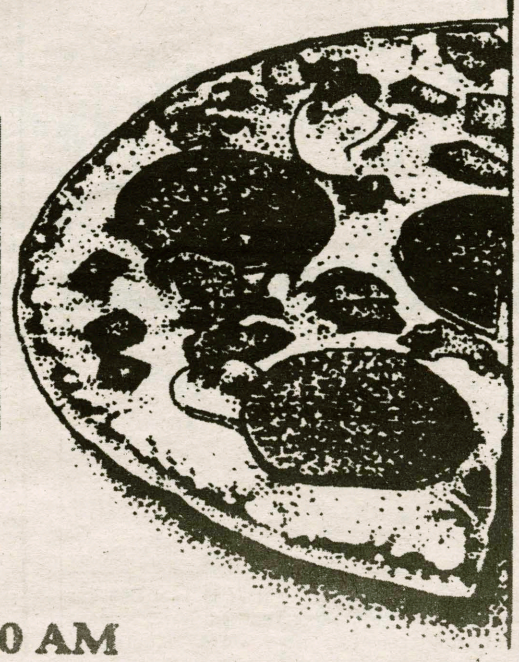

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Softball Upsets #1 RPI

By Brenna Chiaputti '02
SPORTS WRITER

The Continental softball team defeated RPI yesterday, 11-5. This game was a tremendous win for the team, especially the seniors.

This win marked the first time in four years that Hamilton has beaten RPI. "It was the biggest win of my softball career," says senior Carolyn Fichera.

RPI is one of the best teams on Hamilton's schedule and was ranked number 1 in their conference. Coming off of two back to back wins over Skidmore, the Continentals were given the extra confidence they needed to defeat RPI. Although they did not triumph in the first game, losing 4-1.

R PI threw three pitchers at the Conts but were unable to rattle the team's dominance at the plate. Once again, the freshman stepped up. Steph Dunn '03 came up big with a triple as did Heather Hoffay '03. Hoffay hit a triple and a double for the Continentals.

Korey O'Malley '01 and Fichera both hit doubles as well. It all came together defensively. This win was a culmination of the all of the hard work they've put in this season. "It wasn't anything spectacular necessarily. Just good consistent play," says Coach Susan Keller.

Captain Abby McDermott '01 emphasized how important Monday's back-to-back wins were in sending Hamilton into the biggest game of their season. "In the past, when it came down to crunch time we were unable to get the job done because of nerves," commented McDermott. "But against RPI we showed how far we've come this season by pulling out with a win."

The Continentals totaled 8 hits against Skidmore at home, shutting them out 9-0. Hamilton slowly tortured Skidmore, hitting consistent singles. Dunn and O'Malley each had a double, displaying efficient performance at the plate in the first game. "It was a matter of us executing situationally. When I needed a bunt, they did it," says Keller.

In the second game, Skidmore called for mercy in the fifth with the 8 run rule. The hitting was a more emphatic, as Dunn, Kara Brendler '00, and McDermott all added doubles. It was a cooperative effort by the whole team to slowly dig away for a second time. Erin Thorkelson '02 led the team in hits with three singles. The game ended in favor of Hamilton, 13-5.

Keller attributed both wins to solid performances by pitcher Karen Pogonowski '02 and catcher McDermott. Pogonowski pitched a one-hitter in game one and a two-hitter in game two. Brendler made five catches in centerfield. "They were angels in the outfield," says Keller. McDermott, who will be sorely missed in their last home game Thursday, continues to play an important role on the team.

"Abby is doing an outstanding job this season behind the plate, not just as a catcher but a leader as well," says Keller. Hamilton is scheduled to play at URI on Saturday.

Men's Track Looks Solid in Preparation for NESCAC's

By Emily Scursso '02
SPORTS WRITER

In preparation for the NESCAC Championships this weekend, the men's track and field team traveled to RPI to participate in the RPI Invitational this past Friday.

The RPI Invitational was a non-scoring meet, which afforded Hamilton the opportunity to improve upon their New York State ranking.

Hamilton attacked their events to lower their times and improve their distances for the Championship season.

The field event performers were, yet again, swarming with success. In the javelin, Darren Block '01 and Ryan Palmitesso '03 finished third and fourth, respectively.

Palmitesso followed up his solid javelin performance with a second place finish in the high jump; he was followed by Tom Albeni '03, who placed third overall.

Dimitry Maurice '03 and Marc Petrivelli '01 took third and fifth place, respectively, in the long jump.

Block commented, "Everyone attacked their races or standards for states."

This statement especially applied to Co-captain Jeff Needham '00, who not only attacked the state qualifying time in the Hammer, but also qualified provisionally for nationals.

Seven of the top ten hammer throwers in the State competed at RPI, three of which previously qualified provisionally for Nationals.

Needham threw a personal best of 50.17m and came in third place overall. This outstanding performance solidifies Needham's position as a state powerhouse.

Co-captain Josh Cooper '00 competed this week coming back from an injury-related absence. Cooper finished third in the 110 high hurdles.

Freshmen Mike Thompson and Dan Leonard had second and fifth place finishes, respectively, in the 400m dash.

Karl Bressler '01 placed fifth in the 3000m steeplechase.

Sam Brown '01 won the 1500m, followed by Paul Jones '03, who placed third overall.

Jones said, "It was a great tune-up meet for this week, as we will see some great runners at the NESCAC Championships at Tufts".

This weekend kicks off the championship season, as Hamilton travels to Tufts for the NESCAC Championships.

After last Friday's performance, Hamilton appears to be in great shape to compete with some of the best athletes in the Northeast.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome editors, Peter and David, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

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MLB				
Boston at Cleveland 4/29	Indians	Indians	Red Sox	Red Sox
Toronto at NY Yankees 4/29	Yankees	Yankees	Blue Jays	Yankees
Texas at Baltimore 4/29	Rangers	Orioles	Orioles	Orioles
Seattle at Kansas City 4/29	Royals	Royals	Royals	Mariners
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 4/29	Reds	Reds	Pirates	Reds
Houston at Milwaukee 4/29	Astros	Astros	Astros	Astros
NY Mets at Colorado 4/29	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets
St. Louis at Philladelphia 4/29	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
Atlanta at San Diego 4/29	Braves	Braves	Braves	Braves
NBA Playoffs				
Charlotte vs. Philladelphia	Hornets	Hornets	Hornets	76ers
San Antonio vs. Phoenix	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs	Spurs
LA Lakers vs. Sacramento	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers

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The Spectator Athlete of the Week
Sarah Gloo '01

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

It all started at 6am on a snowy February morning. As the 26 members of the women's lacrosse team ran warm up laps, everyone in the fieldhouse knew that there was something different about this year's team.

These players would not be satisfied with just making the state tournament - they wanted to win.

Last Monday, the "Ham Tech" lacrosse team qualified for the NCAA tournament and claimed the UCAA championship after beating Union, 17-15.

As the first Hamilton women's lacrosse team to ever qualify for the tournament and one of the first women's athletic teams from Hamilton to go to NCAA tournament, Monday would down in the record books for the entire athletic department.

Amidst the shattering of records on Monday was another more individual record. With only a few minutes left to play in the first half, co-captain Sarah Gloo '01 tied the fourteen year old record for goals scored in a single season. Only a few minutes later, she surpassed the record.

The previous record, 55 goals in a season, was held by Lisa Reagen '86. After Union's game, Gloo was already up to 60 goals.

Described as a "natural athlete" by assistant coach Tenille Foster, Gloo's scoring prowess has only begun to be recognized this year. "She has one of the best spin moves in Division III," commented Foster. "Sarah is strong, powerful, and quick. She has shown great patience when shooting and grace under pressure," commented Coach Karen Hollands.

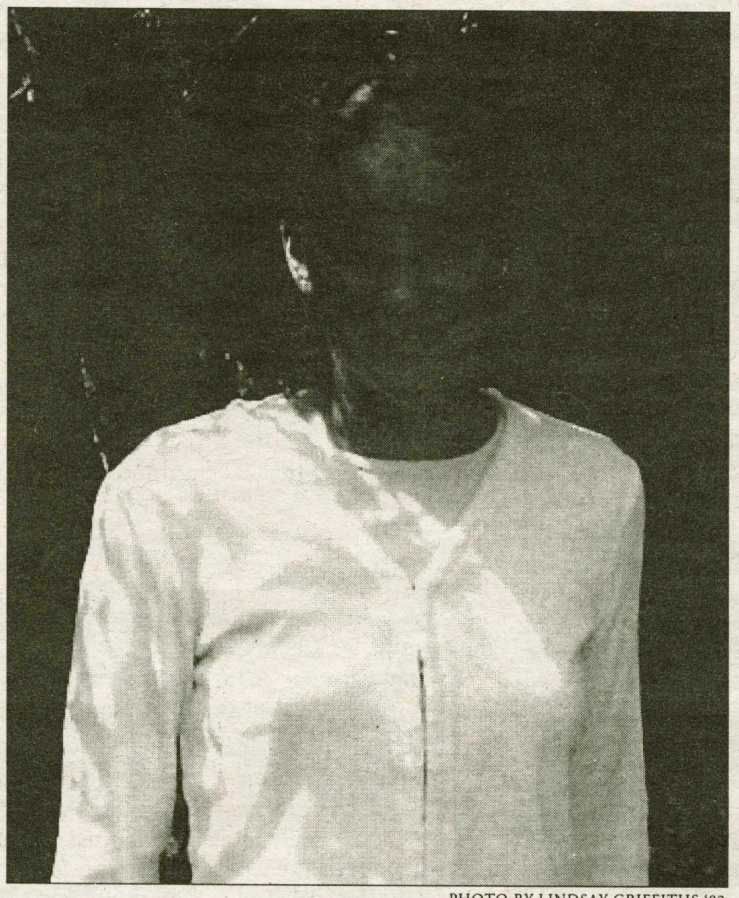

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Sarah Gloo '01 broke the single season scoring record last Monday, after leading the women's lacrosse team to their first berth in the NCAA tournament.

Though it was nearly impossible to pinpoint Gloo's best game, Hollands pointed to Union as one in which she was really tested. One of the toughest opponents the team had faced, Union attempted to mark Gloo out of the game.

The pressure was on. The game would determine the team's post season play and Gloo knew that she was only four goals from tieing the record. Gloo responded by putting on a show for all in attendance, scoring a game high 8 goals.

"When Gloo gets the ball it is a relief," commented co-captain Caty Wakefield '01. "We all know that we won't have to transition back to defense because she takes care of the ball."

But it is not just Gloo's ability to score at will that makes her a standout player; her biggest asset to the team may be her role as co-captain.

"Gloo adds skill, heart, commitment and dedication to a highly team-oriented group," commented defenseman Azure Davey '00. Senior Weatherly Ramsdell added, "Gloo has such a strong work ethic. She is responsible for keeping the team motivated."

Attacker Molly Plummer '03 summed up Gloo's leadership capabilities perfectly, commenting, "Gloo leads by example."

Gloo's play in practice is a direct correlation with how she plays in the game. "Whenever I want to challenge myself, I defend Gloo. She makes me a better player," commented Lauren Bruce '02.

Record breaking aside,Coach Hollands is most proud of Gloo's persistence and dedication to the team. In her freshman year, Gloo was the team leader in scoring and was named UCAA rookie of the year.

Last year proved to be a transition year for her, adjusting to a new coach, a new philosophy, and essentially a new program. She scored 28 goals that season and was the team's third leading scorer.

Gloo worked to define a role for herself on offense. After months of training in the off-season, Gloo makes it all look easy now.

Hollands praised, "Sarah had a big transition to make between freshman and sophomore year. I am most proud of her perseverence and dedication to the program."

As a player and a captain, Gloo is revered by teammates and feared by opponents.

When asked how she felt about Gloo's impact on the team, Helena Marin '03 exclaimed, "I want to be like her when I grow up!"

Carter Takes Center Stage as NBA Playoffs Begin

Wiser men have urged me to stay out of the Coach Murphy/Gene Tobin debate, but I can't help but throw my two cents into the fray. I've always found Coach Murphy to be a wonderful coach, athletic director, and person.

To dismiss him without articulated provocation is a travesty, and the administration owes everyone, but especially Murphy, a satisfactory explanation at the very least.

Anyhow, as usual, here are some thoughts on happenings around the sports world:

Matt Glassman

Riding the Pine

In-Vince-able? - The NBA couldn't have been more excited last week when the season ended and it turned out that Vince Carter and the Raptors finished in position to play the Knicks in the first round of the playoffs.

Carter, the league's poster-boy-heir-apparent, will get national TV attention in the league's biggest and strongest basketball market.

Throw in the bad-boy image that the Knicks tend to conjure up, and the stage is set for a matchup reminiscent of Jordan taking on the Pistons in the late 80's.

The league even went to great lengths to assure as much national TV time as possible for Carter. Game 1 was last Sunday, but game three won't be until this Sunday, ensuring at least two weekend afternoon games with full TV audiences.

While this issue will go to press before Wednesday's game two, the Knicks stuck it to Carter in game one, holding him to 16 points on a miserable 3-20 shooting performance.

You can bet the league is holding its breath for some Jordan-like heroics from Carter this weekend.

It's sometimes hard to remember, but keep in mind that Jordan built his legend not when the Bulls were winning all the championships in the 90's, but when he was carrying a sub-par team on his back far into the playoffs in the late 80's.

Carter is in good position to do much of the same now, and time will tell if he's up to the task. Look for the Knicks to beat the Raptors, but don't be surprised if Carter leads them to at least one incredible victory.

Realignment, again?- In their ridiculous attempts to perfect major league baseball, the owners are again gaining steam for yet another divisional realignment, and this one looks worse than the last.

A vote is possible this summer that will affect the 2002 season, and the plan on the table looks pretty radical. Four divisions in the NL, three in the AL. No NL wild card, but balanced schedules for all clubs.

The AL will have a wild card, but play will be weighted towards your own division. Think that's scary? The interleague stuff is worse.

Set-in-stone traditional rivalry games will continue every year (like Mets-Yanks), but then three or four series per club will rotate between the divisions each year.

Throw on the switching of two teams (Tampa Bay, Arizona) to opposite leagues, and the plan just becomes ridiculous.

I would much prefer a return to two divisions per league and no wild card, but the TV revenue is far too great for that to be realistic.

Here's a compromise: keep the three divisional format, eliminate the wild card, and let the two division champs with lesser records play off in the first round of the playoffs, with the league's best team waiting in the AL and NL championship series.

This would put some advantage on finishing with the best record in the league, and it would also tip the ALCS and NLCS in favor of the best team, the way it should be.

All this talk of expanded playoffs, new divisions, and more interleague games is exactly what baseball doesn't need.

A game that is built and marketed upon tradition cannot continually re-invent its format and expect to keep fans. Look for a heated argument this summer among the owners, pray for some sanity in the meetings, but expect a new plan in place by 2002.

Walking papers - Lenny Wilkens stepped down this week as head coach of the Atlanta Hawks, but he has made it clear that he is interested in continuing his coaching career.

After seven years with the Hawks, and six straight playoff appearances, the wheels finally fell off this season as the Hawks struggled to a 28-54 record.

Wilkens, who was a nine-time all-star and is also the winningest coach in NBA history, seems set on finding another job soon. I'm pretty sure that he will.

Many of the personnel moves that ran Atlanta into the ground were not supported by Wilkens, and the man has been a proven winner in the past. Look for him to pick up a job this summer, and possibly sooner.

Mark it down - The Pacers will beat the Knicks in the Eastern finals, and then Pacers over Lakers in the NBA finals, resulting in a surprise championship for Larry Bird and his boys.

Final Words - A number of Florida Marlins did not play Tuesday night in order to join the Elian Gonzalez protest. Regardless of how you feel on that issue, it's good to see that the Marlins respected the players' beliefs and let them skip the game...

Home runs are being launched at a record pace this year, but the stadium with the biggest jump (by percentage) is the cavernous Skydome. No one knows why...

Sports

Women's Lacrosse UCAA Champs and NCAA Bound

By Chris Preston '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

True, the women's lacrosse team had won eight games in a row and sure, their 11-2 record heading into this past Monday's showdown at Union was impressive.

But a loss to Union would have prevented the Continentals from winning the regular season UCAA title outright and, thus, from earning an automatic NCAA bid.

Union, a UCAA powerhouse, had steamrolled through its opponents at nearly the same rate as the Continentals had for the previous eight games. A victory here would be no easy task to say the least.

Things definitely weren't easy early on. Right out of the gate Union took a commanding 8-3 lead over the Continentals.

But the Continentals began to mount one of their patented comebacks. Led by superhuman scoring machine, Sarah Gloo '01, Wakefield, and Molly Plummer '03, the Continentals reeled off six unanswered goals en route to an 11-9 halftime lead.

This was truly amazing, considering just minutes before they had been losing by five and were getting dominated by the talented Union squad. Instead, the Continentals were leading by two at the half.

The second half was more of a defensive struggle, as each team's goalie took over. Continental goalie Jessica Asrican '01 played the game of her life, making 18 saves in all, a career high.

Waves of Union players continued to attack the goal, and Asrican was able to stop enough of them to give the Continentals a chance to win.

And win they did. Gloo not only had eight goals on the day, leading her team to victory once again, but eclipsed the previous Hamilton women's hockey single season scoring record in the process.

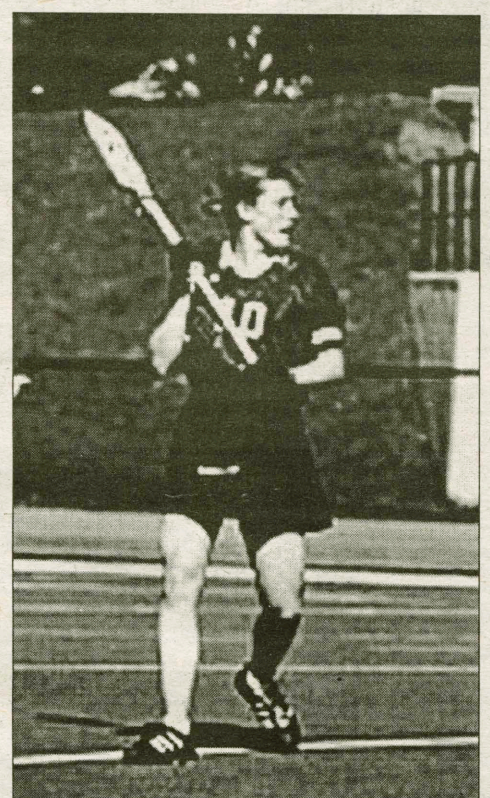

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Sarah Gloo '01 looks to start the Continental's offense.

Gloo raised her total to an eyepopping 60 goals on the season, five more than the previous record of 55. This included a whopping 22 goals during the team's three games that week.

"I never thought much about breaking the scoring record because I never knew what it was," said Gloo. "The team's success is of course more important to me than any individual performance. All I want to do is play at the highest level that I can so that I can help the team keep on winning."

More importantly, however, the Continentals got the win over Union, 17-15, resulting in a UCAA championship and Hamilton's first ever berth in the NCAA tournament for Division 3 women's lacrosse.

"Unbelievable," was the word Coach Karen Hollands used to describe her team's effort against Union. "I'm unbelievably proud of them, they played outstanding. We made quick adjustments when we were down and were able to score six unanswered goals to take control of the game. It was an outstanding performance considering the magnitude of the game and how much we were tested."

Gloo added, "We're finally living up to our potential. I'm really proud of everyone for stepping up this season."

Winning the UCAA championship was the climax not only to an outstanding regular season, but also the pinnacle of an unbelievable week for the Continentals.

Having defeated Hartwick handily (21-11) on senior day, the team traveled to the University of Rochester on Saturday and won a hard-fought battle against a tough U of R team to extend their winning streak to eight at that point.

In that game, Gloo led the way as usual with six goals and Asrican tied her previous career high of 15 saves (which she broke on Monday) in goal as the Continentals never trailed on their way to a 11-8 victory.

But the game at Union was, as Hollands put it, the most "unbelievable" game of the week, not to mention the season for the Continentals.

Every member of the offensive unit (led by Gloo's eight goals) contributed to bringing the Continentals back from the 8-3 deficit, and every member of the defense (led by Asrican's career day in goal) helped the Continentals maintain the lead they had built by halftime.

The team won the game, the UCAA, and an NCAA berth in one fell swoop. Now, the Continentals get the rest that they deserve.

Up next is the NCAA tournament, which begins Wednesday, May 10. Coach Hollands said they do not know what seed they will receive at this point, since the brackets have not been announced as of press time.

The Continentals decided they would forgo the New York State tournament in order to prepare for the NCAA's. Coach Hollands speculated that the team would have received a three seed had they participated.

So, the question is, having won nine games in a row, posting an overall 11-2 regular season record, and finishing as the undefeated UCAA champions (6-0), what else could the women's lacrosse team possibly do?

Coach Hollands, as always, had the answer. "Our goal now is to advance as far as possible in the NCAA tournament."

Considering everything they have accomplished so far, such lofty goals are by no means far fetched. This team certainly has all the chips in place to make a run at the New York state championship.

"We've gotten this far because we're close and we depend on each other," commented senior co-captain Shannon Mercier. "Our goal was to make it to the NCAA's, but now we feel we can make it much farther."

With one of the most prolific goal scorers in the country (Gloo), a goalie on a roll (Asrican), and an excellent blend of young and old players (Mercier, Wakefield, Plummer, Courtney Higgins '03, just to name a few), there is no reason why the Continentals can't win NCAA's.

Women's Track Shines at RPI Meet

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the women's track and field team competed in a non-scoring invitational at RPI against RPI, Hartwick, Union, St. Lawrence, and Plattsburgh.

The team used the meet to prepare for the NESCAC and NYSCTC Championships, which are this weekend and next weekend, respectively.

Unlike the previous weekend in which the weather was perfect, this weekend the weather was terrible.

As Coach Ellen Hull described it, "it was thirty-eight degrees with a driving downpour. The weather definitely didn't cooperate with us, and if anything it had a negative impact on our performances.

Nevertheless, the team performed well in preparation for NESCAC's, and is used to terrible weather."

Co-captain Lynne Myrth '01 added, "The RPI Invitational was a good preparatory meet for our upcoming NESCAC Championships this weekend."

Myrth continued, "Competing in the rain seems to have become a common occurrence for this season, and we are simply trying to defy the weather and perform to the best of our abilities."

In the distance events the team was limited because runners like Maggie Hanson '02 and Annie Toth '02 competed on Wednesday, two days before the RPI meet.

They both competed in the 5000m run and qualified automatically and provisionally for the NCAA Championships.

Jen Cammarano '03, Hanson, and Amanda Chase '03 finished second, third, and seventh in the 800m run. In the 1500m run Toth finished sixth, while in the 3000m run Kate Nelson '01 and Liz Casey '03 finished eighth and ninth, respectively.

In the field events Julie Elmuccio '03 was missed because of a nagging injury, but will compete this weekend. In the shotput Sherri Hamlette '01 and Kate Clark '02 finished second and fourth, respectively.

Hamlette also finished third in the hammer throw, while Clark and Kelly Aitken '02 finished second and seventh, respectively, in the javelin throw. Casey finished third in the long jump.

In the sprint events Clark finished first in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.96 seconds, while Andrea Stroud '03 finished fifth.

In the 100m dash Roxanne Hoek '03 and Myrth finished third and fourth, respectively. The 4x100m relay the team, consisting of Myrth, Hoek, Christina Freyre '02, and Casey, finished fourth.

This weekend the team will be facing its toughest competition of the season at Tufts University, the host of NESCAC's.

Coach Hull said, "There are girls who have qualified for NCAA's who are seventh or eighth in the NESCAC" in their event.

She expects the team to improve on its eighth place finish from last year, even though there are a few injuries.

Myrth said, "I have confidence that NESCAC's will be a great meet for us, but I'm still crossing my fingers for good weather!"

The cross-country team finished behind Williams and Middlebury at the NCAA Championships and at the end of the winter season the team finished behind Williams and Tufts at the ECAC Championships.

Middlebury, Williams, and Tufts are the supposed top three NESCAC teams, but Hamilton has not faced any of the ten other teams this spring, so it can only compare itself to NESCAC teams on paper.

Unlike any other meet so far this season, NESCAC's will be a two-day event. As a result, athletes will get more rest and be able to compete in more events and should attain better results than if the meet were a one-day event.

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